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The organisation has continuously progressed since its inception in 2011, proven by reports presented during the 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Governing Board of the AHA Centre. The review and result of the Meeting are announced in The Column's News Highlight.

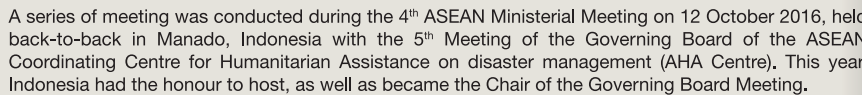
To provide a more accordingly response during disaster period and to create a more resilient community, the ASEAN Ministers gathered in a series of meetings hosted by Indonesia National Disaster Management Authority (BNPB) in Manado, Indonesia.

October 2016, the Philippines was affected by the impact of Typhoon Haima. Typhoon Haima made its landfall in the Philippines region on 20 October 2016. The Government of the Philippines through the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC) managed to distribute response and relief to more than 300,000 affected people.

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## 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Governing Board of the AHA Centre



One of the highlights of the Meeting in one of the Agenda Items was the progress report of the AHA Centre since the last Governing Board Meeting held in Semarang earlier this year. This also includes the report progress of the new AHA Centre office reconstruction which has already started in October 2016 and expected to be concluded and launched by November 2016.

The diagram is titled "AHA CENTRE WORK PLAN 2020" in a dark blue header. It is flanked by two white classical columns. On the left, a hand in a blue sleeve holds a pen, writing on a document. To the right of the hand is a list of five reference documents, numbered 1 to 5. Below this list is a dark blue horizontal bar titled "AHA CENTRE VISIONS & MISSIONS". Under this bar are four white boxes, each representing a priority mission, numbered 1 to 4. The first box is labeled "PRIORITY 1" and contains "Preparedness and Response". The second box is labeled "PRIORITY 2" and contains "Capacity Building and Knowledge Management". The third box is labeled "PRIORITY 3" and contains "Partnership, Resource Mobilisation and Communications". The fourth box is labeled "PRIORITY 4" and contains "Management and Administration".

## AHA CENTRE WORK PLAN 2020

**FIVE REFERENCE DOCUMENTS**

- 1 ASEAN Agreement on Disaster Management and Emergency Response
- 2 Agreement on the Establishment of the AHA Centre
- 3 ASEAN Vision 2025 on disaster management
- 4 AADMER Work Programme 2016-2020
- 5 AHA Centre Lessons Learned and consultants reports

### AHA CENTRE VISIONS & MISSIONS

<b>PRIORITY 1</b> Preparedness and Response	<b>PRIORITY 2</b> Capacity Building and Knowledge Management	<b>PRIORITY 3</b> Partnership, Resource Mobilisation and Communications	<b>PRIORITY 4</b> Management and Administration
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After the presentation of each Agenda item, Members of the Governing Board, including the representatives of the ASEAN Secretariat, and representative of the Government of the Republic of Indonesia provided guidance, inputs, comments, or encouragement to adopt the presented Agenda item.



## The 29<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Committee on Disaster Management (ACDM) Meeting



These experiences became the main reason for ASEAN Leaders to join forces in the establishment of ASEAN Committee on Disaster Management (ACDM) to realise the vision of “One ASEAN, One Response” that unite ASEAN Members to act in solidarity when it comes to disaster management.

As the continuity of the previous meeting in Central Java in April 2016, the ACDM conducted the 29<sup>th</sup> Meeting in Manado, Indonesia, hosted by the Indonesia National Disaster Management Authority (BNBP). The ACDM convened with the main objective to strengthen the resilience among ASEAN Member States, which became the main theme for the ASEAN day on Disaster Management 2016 – “One ASEAN Community for Better Resilience”.

The 29<sup>th</sup> ACDM Meeting was held back-to-back with two other regional and national events, namely the 4th ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Disaster Management (AMMDM), ASEAN Day on Disaster Management (ADDM), and the Commemoration of Disaster Risk Reduction Month in Indonesia 2016 (Peringatan Bulan Pengurangan Resiko Bencana 2016).

A photograph showing the handover of AMMDM's Chairmanship. On the left, a man in a dark suit and yellow tie (Chairman of Cambodia) is shaking hands with a man in a dark suit and blue tie (Chairman of Indonesia). Another man in a dark suit and blue tie stands behind the Indonesian Chairman. A man in a white shirt and dark tie stands to the right. They are seated at a long table covered with a yellow cloth. Nameplates for 'CAMBODIA' and 'INDONESIA' are visible on the table. A microphone and a water bottle are also on the table. The background is a plain wall with vertical lines.

Hosted by Indonesia National Disaster Management Authority (BNPB), the 4<sup>th</sup> AMMDM and the 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the COP to the AADMER's opening ceremony was graced by the Excellency Mr. Basuki Hadimuljono, Minister for Public Works and Housing of Republic of the republic of Indonesia.

The Conference of the Parties (COP) consists of Ministers in charge of Disaster Management, of whom the ACDM needs to share reports to. The COP delegates and tasks the ACDM to take charge in the implementation of the AADMER Work Programme.

At the end of the meeting, attendee Ministers expressed appreciation for the leadership of Indonesia as the Chair of ACDM, the Governing Board of the AHA Centre, the COP to AADMER and the AMMDM throughout the past year. The forwarding 5th AMMDM and the 6<sup>th</sup> Meeting of COP to AADMER is scheduled to be convened in Vientiane, Lao PDR.

October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016 marked as the ASEAN Day for Disaster Management 2016 and the celebration of the Day was conducted in Manado, Indonesia this year. The ASEAN Ministers in charge of disaster management together with the ASEAN Secretariat and the AHA Centre participated in various meetings started from 11 – 13 October with the objective to solidify efforts towards a disaster-resilient ASEAN Community.

One of the highlight activities during the Day celebration was the mangrove plantation by the Ministers, Deputy Secretary-General Arthakaivalvattee and the Executive Director of the AHA Centre, along with the leaders of the North Sulawesi Province and the local community. The activity then followed by transplantation of coral reef at Bahowo beach, Manado, Indonesia.





Mr. Willem Rampangilei, Minister/Head of Indonesian National Board for Disaster Management Authority and Chair of ASEAN Ministers Meeting on Disaster Management (AMMDM) during the opening ceremony said, “One ASEAN, One Response is like the mangrove we planted. It takes time to grow, to be nurtured and to be strong. It will be a long-term gain achieved through long-term policies and commitment.”

The activity marked as the kick-off of the Commemoration Month of Disaster Risk Reduction and the ASEAN Day for Disaster Management. The events aimed to raise more awareness and garner support for ASEAN’s efforts towards disaster risk reduction and management.

Overall, the series of activities in October 2016 in Manado, Indonesia was another effort by ASEAN and partners to further enhance ASEAN’s preparedness and response to disasters, both inside and outside the ASEAN region in achieving the resilient community.

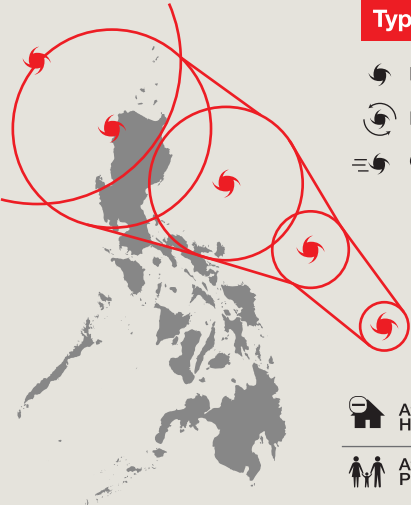


Mangrove plantation ceremony during the ADDM’s series of activities by Mr. Said Faisal, Executive Director of the AHA Centre (left) and Mr. Vongthep Arthakaivalee, Deputy Secretary-General of ASEAN for Socio-Cultural Community (right)

DISASTER REPORT



Tropical Cyclone ‘Haima’ (Lewin), the Philippines



Typhoon Haima

- Landfall 19 October 2016
- Max sustained winds 225 kph
- Gustiness 315 kph

Impact as of 25 October 2016

Death	14 People
Injured People	4 People
Affected Houses	90,035 Units
Affected Population	46,592 People

The AHA Centre captured the formation of Tropical Cyclone ‘Haima’ (Lewin) in the Pacific Ocean since 14 October 2016, yet the Typhoon ‘Haima’ begun to enter the Philippines Area of Responsibility (PAR) on the 17 October 2016. It intensified further and reached super typhoon status before made its landfall over Cagayan Province on 20 October 2016 at around 11:00 PM local time with maximum sustained winds up to 22h kph and wind gusts up to 315 kph.

Local authorities, the Government of the Philippines through the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC) has been in the highest alert status and arranged various preparedness measures. Other authorities such as the Philippines Atmospheric, Geophysical, and Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA) placed warning signals to indicate the potential for a heavy and widespread damage within affected areas.

As of Sunday, 23 October 2016 morning, 8 deaths were reported, mostly due to landslides in Region CAR. The typhoon caused damages to 13,966 houses and floods to 119 barangays in several affected areas.

The Government of the Philippines and NDRRMC has anticipated well the possible effects of the Typhoon ‘Haima’ and made significant preparations that involved all relevant agencies. NDRRMC managed to evacuate more than 380,000 affected people pre-emptively, as well as activated Disaster Response Cluster and deployed advance teams under the Office of Civil Defense Deputy Administrator for Operations to Cagayan Province to support the preparedness measures.

As much as USD 220,000 worth of assistance to the affected populations was provided by the Department of Social Welfare and Development and other Local Government Units.

Since the beginning of the alert commencement of Typhoon ‘Haima’, the AHA Centre has deployed two staffs and one National ASEAN-ERAT member to Manila, Philippines to liaise and coordinate with the NDRRMC directly. Meanwhile, the Disaster Emergency Logistics System for ASEAN (DELSA) and the ASEAN Emergency Response Team (ASEAN-ERAT) have been on standby mode should there be further assistance and requirement to deploy additional resources to the Philippines.

Although the westward-moving Typhoon ‘Haima’ has weakened and exited the Philippines since 20 October 2016, the NDRRMC is prioritising in-country resources to manage the situation, while international assistance is requested to be standby in case there should be a need to augment in-country resources.

As for the responses from the AHA Centre and ASEAN, here are the details of reaction given during the aftermath phase of Typhoon Haima:



- Deployment of In-Country Coordination Team (ICCT) consisted of 2 AHA Centre Staffs and 2 ASEAN-ERAT members from the Philippines
- One personnel of the AHA Centre (Mr. Janggam Adhityawarma) and two national ASEAN-ERAT members (Mr. Jommel Merano & Ms. Francelline Jimenez) joined the NDRRMC Composite RDANA Teams in assessing St. Ana and Gonzaga Municipalities of Cagayan for two days, 22-23 October 2016. On the following day, they visited Tabuk City, Kalinga and Baguio City, Benguet in Region CAR to participate in coordination meetings.
- One AHA Centre staff (Mr. Andy Musaffa) was stationed at the NDRRMC Headquarters to gather information from the Response Cluster meetings.

Last but not least, the AHA Centre Executive Director, Mr. Said Faisal together with the team had the opportunity to meet with USEC Ricardo B. Jalad, Administrator of NDRRMC of the Philippines to hand over generator set as part of the relief items to support operations on 27 October 2016

The AHA Centre would like to express condolences for the loss and damages caused by Typhoon Cyclone ‘Haima’ to the Philippines. In the spirit of One ASEAN One Response, the AHA Centre and ASEAN remain on the stand-by mode and ready to assist during this recovery phase.

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DISASTER OUTLOOK

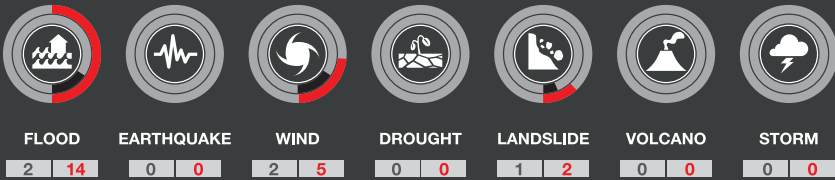
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Affected Houses	256,000 Units	Death	53 People
Affected Agriculture	41,000 Ha	Displaced People	216,000 People
Affected Population	1,116,000 People	Injured People	1 People

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DISASTER COMPARISON NUMBER



2015 - Black bar 2016 - Red bar

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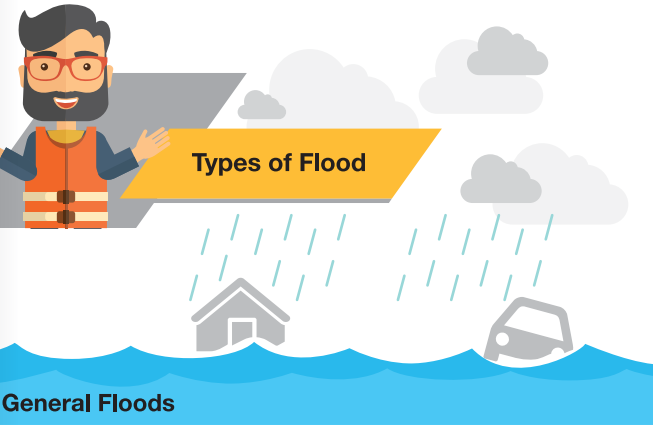


All You Need to Know About Flood

Flood is one of the most common disaster ever occurred within the Asia Region. According to the World’s Disaster Reports by International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies in 2015, floods were the most frequently occurring disaster throughout the globe and accounted for 42 per cent of deaths in 2014.

During the period of August – October 2016, at least five Member States have suffered from floods and flash floods that caused major damages and loss of lives. Floods have undoubtedly become the worst nightmare for ASEAN Member States.

On this edition, The Column will explain and outline the things you need to know about flood, according to the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent (IFRC) Society.

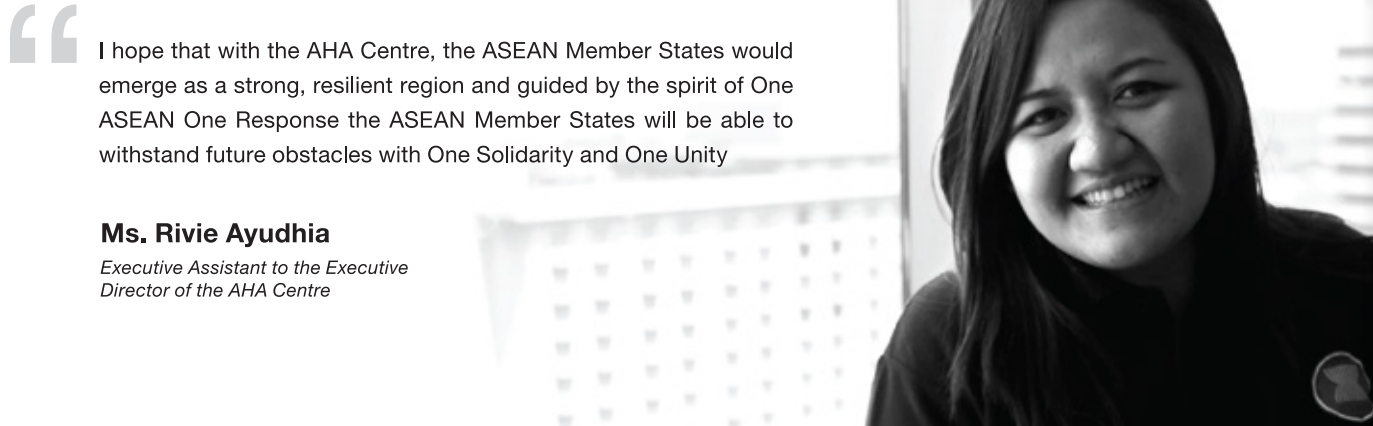


General floods can be predicted in advance. The impact of general floods usually can be destructive to houses, crops, cattle, and people.



Flash Floods are the type of floods that are sudden, with extreme volume of water flow rapidly and cause inundation. Flash Floods usually harder to forecast comparing to General floods, it spares little time for people to escape or save their belongings.

During Flash Floods occurrence, affected people are required to evacuate in a temporary shelter that located in a higher area, where safe water and basic sanitation are served.



I hope that with the AHA Centre, the ASEAN Member States would emerge as a strong, resilient region and guided by the spirit of One ASEAN One Response the ASEAN Member States will be able to withstand future obstacles with One Solidarity and One Unity

Ms. Rivie Ayudhia

Executive Assistant to the Executive Director of the AHA Centre

In this month’s edition, The Column talked to the Executive Assistant to the Executive Director of the AHA Centre, Ms. Rivie Ayudhia. Her dedication since the beginning of the establishment of the AHA Centre has been amplified by the solidarity and kinship amongst the AHA Centre’s officers.

When did you join the AHA Centre?

I started joining the AHA Centre in 2012 and was the fourth member of the AHA Centre at that time. Before that, I was working in the ASEAN Secretariat. I found information that the AHA Centre was looking for an assistant, which was my expertise, thus would be more challenging as well.

During that time, the AHA Centre was still very new and developing. What were your considerations in taking the position?

It would be very challenging as I had the experience to learn whole new things regarding disaster management. I have always wanted to help people and take part in a humanitarian action.

Working in the AHA Centre means that you have to be ready if required to go to an affected area. How did you manage to adapt to that?

It was one of the things that I actually expected to do when working in the AHA Centre. I was deployed to Tacloban and Manila, the Philippines after Typhoon Haiyan.

Could you please share your experience during your deployment in the Philippines?

It was definitely a once in a lifetime experience for me – very intriguing and interesting. The good thing was before my deployment, I have received the ASEAN Emergency Response Team (ERAT) training, so I already have a depiction in my mind of how the situation would be, how I should react to certain situation, and so forth. In addition to that, fellow ERAT teams who already went to the field prior to my arrival also explained the updated condition in Tacloban, the Philippines – where the most destruction of the Typhoon Haiyan occurred.

My deployment was different with the other ERAT team and AHA Centre’s officers’ mission. I was responsible to assist the Secretary-General of ASEAN – H.E. Le Luong Minh, Deputy Secretary-General – Mrs. Alicia Bala and other ASEAN Secretariat staffs, including Mr. Said Faisal as the Executive Director of the AHA Centre himself. The Secretary-General at that time along with other guests visited Manila and Tacloban to handover relief items to the Government of the Philippines. I was mainly responsible for their logistics and administration purposes.

But you must have witnessed the situation at that time, how was it? Was it still horrific?

Yes, it was still horrible; even we could still witness the affected people suffered along the streets. Although we could see some fellow rescuers from all over the world already handover basic logistics needs of the affected people, but the atmosphere was still filled with grief.

Did you feel concern or worried of any aftershock?

Of course, but actually it is more of the sanitation issues that I was warned about and the catastrophic environment that I was about to experience. It was all due to the lack of clean water and witnessed the current condition of affected people. However, the situation during my visit was not as bad as I have imagined.

So, you have witnessed the development of the AHA Centre since the very beginning until now. How does it feel? What are the most interesting moments working in the AHA Centre?

I feel happy to witness the development and success of the AHA Centre. The AHA Centre is like a family of my own. All of the officers developed strong relationships, as well as great connection to each other. We do not only go to the office to finish our task and work, but we also gain more and more knowledge each day.

My days in the AHA Centre are always lightened up by the strong relationship amongst us, all of the officers. We maintained very cooperative and encouraging interactions each day. I love my job and it does not feel like a job because I’ve been surrounded by lovely colleagues, whom I consider as my own family.

Lastly, do you have hopes or expectations for the AHA Centre in the coming years?

I hope that the AHA Centre can reinforce the AHA Centre’s position in the public eye where the Centre’s stakeholders, public and media will be aware and reminded of the AHA Centre along with its functions, mandates and purpose.

Moreover, I hope that with the AHA Centre, the ASEAN Member States would emerge as a strong, resilient region and guided by the spirit of One ASEAN One Response the ASEAN Member States will be able to withstand future tremors and weather the coming typhoon with One Solidarity and One UnityMy days in the AHA Centre are always lightened up by the strong relationship amongst us, all of the officers. We maintained very cooperative and encouraging interactions each day. I love my job and it does not feel like a job because I’ve been surrounded by lovely colleagues, whom I consider as my own family.

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## About ASEAN

*The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) was established on 8 August 1967. The Member States of the Association are Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Viet Nam. The ASEAN Secretariat is based in Jakarta, Indonesia. As set out in the ASEAN Declaration, the aims and purposes of ASEAN among others are to accelerate the economic growth, social progress, cultural development, to promote regional peace and stability as well as to improve active collaboration and cooperation.*

## About The AHA Centre

*The AHA Centre is an inter-governmental organisation established on 17 November 2011, through the signing of the Agreement on the Establishment of the ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on disaster management (AHA Centre) by ASEAN Foreign Ministers, witnessed by the ASEAN Heads of States, from 10 ASEAN Member States: Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Viet Nam. The Centre was set-up to facilitate the cooperation and coordination among ASEAN Member States and with the United Nations and international organisations for disaster management and emergency response in the ASEAN region.*

## About AADMER

*The ASEAN Agreement on Disaster Management and Emergency Response (AADMER) is a legally-binding regional multi-hazard and policy framework for cooperation, coordination, technical assistance and resource mobilisation in all aspects of disaster management in the 10 ASEAN Member States. The objective of AADMER is to provide an effective mechanism to achieve substantial reduction of disaster losses in lives and in social, economic and environmental assets, and to jointly respond to emergencies through concerted national efforts.*

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